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Dear Mr Ambassador

on my return from a long trip overseas I found your kind letter for which many thanks. After thirty five years in the Army and four years on this job I feel it was time to move on. I do not yet know what I will do but I will be in this area for a while and will get out your way sometime as will give you a very big hand.

I have greatly enjoyed our friendship and look forward to continuing it. With every good wish and admiration for your superb service to the United States

Faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

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AMBASSADOR PHILIP KINGSLAND CROWE
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Easton, Maryland , 21601
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Dear Vernon,

The announcement of your resignation distressed me. During my tours of duty in Oslo and Copenhagen I have come to value your council and find your company stimulating. Men like you should remain in all administrations as long as they feel up to the effort of serving their country. I also find the arguement that you will be replaced by a "professional" rather silly. A professional in any field of endeavor is a person who does his or her work exceptionally well and you have long ago earned this reputation. I consider the resignations of both you and Jim Slesinger sad for the country.

I left Denmark before Christmas for somewhat similar reasons .Despite the fact that I have held four posts as ambassador and have been secretary to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles it was decided to replace me with a young black man from Tanzania with no knowledge of NATO or even of Europe. It has been assumed that the coming elections dictated this move .

In any case after some twenty six years in and out of diplomacy I am about ready to hang up the stripped pants and retire to cultivating my garden and writing some more books. If you will be in this area I would really be delighted to have you for a week end.

Lt General Vernon Walters
Central Intelligence Agency

sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip", written in dark ink.